

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first 4 lines at the top of page 1, after the Title, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application is a continuation U.S. application serial No. 09/596,468 filed June 19, 2000, which is a continuation of International Application Number PCT/SE98/02239 filed on December 8, 1998 which claims priority of Swedish Application Number 9704755-9 filed on December 19, 1997.--

Please replace the first 6 lines at the top of page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- ortho esters of the present invention presents a special advantage in application areas where the separation of an oil phase from the water phase is desirable, e.g. for waste water treatment, in the working-up of emulsions formed when cleaning hard surfaces, in deinking and textile processes, such as scouring.--